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SUBJ: MAY 78 VISIT OF MOROCCAN TRADE DELEGATION TO U.S.

REF: A) CASABLANCA 0559 B) CASABLANCA 0561
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1. HASSAN YACoubi-SOUSSANE, DIRECTOR OF MOROCCAN TRADE DELEGATION TO U.S., ASSURED US APRIL 25 THAT MISSION NOW COMPRISES 46 RPT 46 PERSONS, AS LISTED IN REF B WITH FOLLOWING CHANGES: DELTE AHMED BENNIS (#13), MATILDE DAHAN (#21), AND ABDELRRAZAK EL MANDJRA (#22); AND ADD ABDELLAH OUSLOUMEN, PRESIDENT OF A CONSTRUCTION FIRM. NOTE CHANGED FORM OF NAME OF MENAHEM CHOCRON (#18) (VICE CHOUKROUN), ELOFIR VICE EL OUFIR (#23), AND ECHOUAFNI VIE ECHOUAFRI (#24).

2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST THAT THE MOROCCAN TRADE DELEGATION BE DEVIDED INTO GROUPS FOR PROGRAMMING, CASABLANCA CHAMBER HAS DEVIDED MEMBERS INTO FIVE GROUPS AS FOLLOWS (NUMBERS REFER TO LISTING IN REF B): (NOTE THAT SOME MEMBERS OF MISSION HAVE ASKER THAT THEIR NAMES BE INSCIBED IN MORE THAN ONE GROUP):

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GROUPE 1: TEXTILE MACHINERY AND WEARING APPAREL:

ADYEL (#8); AISSAOUI-BENNANI (#10); BOUFTAS (#16); CHOCRON (#18) ECHOUAFNI (#24); JAMAI (#26); LAHLOU DRISS (#33); LAHLOU HASSAN (#34); SAOUDI EL HAMDOUNI (#42); SAOUDI KACEM (#43); TAIH-TAHRI (#47); (TOTAL OF GROUP : 11)

GROUP 2: PETROLEUM, PLASTICS AND CHEMICALS (INCLUDING PHARMACEUTICALS)

ALAOUI (#12); BENKIRANE (#15); BOUFTAS (#16); CHRAIBI (#19)
HATCHUEL (#25); LAHLOU DRISS (#33); LAHLOU AHMED (#32);
LAHLOU MOHAMED (#35); MOUDINE (#40); SEFRIOUI (#44);
SKIREDJ (#45); SOUSSANE AMINE (#46).
(TOTAL OF GROUP: 12)

GROUP 3: INVESTMENT IN BUILDINGS AND HOTELS; CONSTRUCTION;
PUBLIC WORKS

ADYEL (#8); AIMARAH (#9); BENNIS (#14); CHRAIBI (#20);
ELOFIR (#23); HATCHUEL (#25); LACHFOUBI (#30); LAHLOU ABDER-
RAHMAN (#31); MEKKAOUI MUSTAPHA (#38); RAFFALI (#7); YACOUBI-
SOUSSANE (#1); KHATTABI (#29).
TOTAL OF GROUP: 12).

GROUP 4: FOOD PROCESSING AND AGRO-INDUSTRY

ALAOUI (#11); KHALIL (#27); LAMRANI-ALAOUI (#36);
KHARBOUCH (#28); MAOUNI (#37); MELK (#39); RAFALI (#41);
CHAOUKI (#17).
(TOTAL OF GROUP: 8)

GROUP 5: MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONIC

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ALAOUI (#11); KHATTABI (#29); LAHLOU ABDERRAHMAN (#31)
OUSLOUMEN (NEW TO LIST; RAFFALI (#7);
(TOTAL OF GROUP: 5)

3. YACOUBI-SOUSSANE SAID THAT IF EACH OF THESE
GROUPS COULD MEET WITH ONE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION--BROADLY
ENOUGH BASED TO ENCOMPASS ALL MEMBER OF GROUP--THAT SHOULD
SUFFICE AS FAR AS GROUP PROGRAMMING GOES. SPECIFICALLY,
HE WOULD LIKE IF POSSIBLE FOR THESE MEETINGS TO TAKE PLACE
IN NEW YORK ON MORNING OF TUESDAY, MAY 16, AND IN CHICAGO
ON AFTERNOON OF FRIDAY, MAY 19. HE FEELS THAT BETWEEN
INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS THAT WOULD ARISE OUT OF THESE
GROUP MEETINGS, AND APPOINTMENTS THAT MEMBERS OF MISSION HAVE
ALREADY MADE ON THEIR OWN, THIS SHOULD LARGELY SUFFICE
IN MEETING PROGRAMMING NEEDS OF MISSION MEMBERS. PROGRAM
OF OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS FOLLOWS.

4. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR READINESS OF COSERV TO
PROVIDE POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCAN TRADE DELEGATION,
AS NOTED IN REF C. GROUPING OF MEMBERS AS NOTED PARA 2
ABOVE SHOULD PROVIDE COSERV NECESSARY INFORMATION.
PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO PROMPTE COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN

THE UNITED STATES AND MOROCCO. AND TO ENCOURAGE AMERICAN
INVESTMENT IN MOROCCO. WE WILL SHORTLY SEND PROGRAM OF
SCHEDULED EVENTS DURING VISIT TO BOTH COSERV AND BCIU.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE PASS TEXT OF THIS TELEGRAM
AND OF REF B TO COSERV; AND PASS ENTIRE TEXT OF THIS
TELEGRAM TO JOHN HABBERTON, PRESIDENT, BUSINESS COUNCIL
ON INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, 420 LEXINGTON AVENUE,
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